GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5012
ANSWERED ON:27.08.2001
VILLAGE CONNECTIVITY PROGRAMME BY B.S.N.L.
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of lines identified by the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) for its village connectivity programme during 2001-2002, State-wise;

(b) the funds allocated for he purpose;

(c) the names of the suppliers;

(d) whether some vendors who are supplying material have been failed to make timely supply;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the action taken/being taken against them?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) The BSNL has placed order for procurement of 6 lakh lines of Wireless in Local Loop (WLL) system for rural application during the current financial year 2001-2002. About 1 lakh Village Public Telephones (VPTs) are planned to be provided on WLL systems.State-wise details are given in the enclosed Annexure.

(b) Rs. 1800 crores have been allocated for this purpose.

(c) Three vendors viz. M/s LG Systems , M/s HFCL and M/s ITI are the suppliers for these systems.

(d) & (e): The supply of equipment has been delayed due to non completion of Production Quality Testing (PQT) in time.The testing has since been completed by all the vendors. 117,500 lines of equipment has already been dispatched to field units. Balance quantity is likely to be delivered by December, 2001.

(f) All the firms will be imposed with Liquidated Damages charges for delayed supply of equipment as per rules.

ANNEXURE

STATE-WISE ALLOTTMENT OF WLL EQUIPMENT

SL. NO.	STATE	VPT TARGET FOR THIS YEAR	NO. OF WLL LINES ALLOTTED	VPTs ON WLL SYSTEM
1	ANDAMAN & NICOBAR	0	4000	0
2	ANDHRA PRADESH	0	13000	0
3	ASSAM	7707	30000	6850
4	BIHAR	26499	93000	20000
5	JHARKHAND	25510	48000	18500
6	GUJARAT	0	15000	0
7	HARYANA	0	0	0
8	HIMACHAL PRADESH	2631	11000	1658
9	JAMMU & KASHMIR	2742	11500	1700
10	KARNATAKA	10	13500	10
11	KERALA	0	15500	0
12	MADHYA PRADESH	316	18500	100
13	CHHATISGARH	4017	34000	2400
14	MAHARASHTRA	0	9000	0
15	GOA	0	0	0
16	MEGHALAYA	4325	7000	2400

17	MIJORAM	149	4500	100
18	TRIPURA	202	5000	200
19	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	2898	5000	300
20	MANIPUR	1697	4000	1200
21	NAGALAND	530	5000	400
22	ORISSA	22024	64000	13318
23	PUNJAB	0	0	0
24	RAJASTHAN	0	12000	0
25	TAMIL NADU	0	7500	0
26	UTTAR PRADESH (EAST)	14563	83000	11000
27	UTTAR PRADESH (WEST)	4747	32000	4000
28	UTTARANCHAL	8106	19000	2000
29	WEST BENGAL	14409	35000	13209
30	SIKKIM,	126	1000	30
31	CALCUTTA	47	0	0
32	DELHI	0	0	0
	TOTAL	143255	600000	99375